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C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 328

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES COUP D'ETAT: RENE'S JUNE 9 SPEECH TO NATION

1. "PRESIDENT" RENE DELIVERED BRIEF RADIO STATEMENT EVENING OF JUNE 9  
IN WHICH HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO CREATE A "NEW SOCIETY"

WHICH WOULD PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AND IN WHICH ALL WOULD  
HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY. HE ANNOUNCED THE ESTA-  
LISHMENT OF A "SMALL OFFICE" TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT  
GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE. HE ADDED THAT KEY ELEMENT IN  
NEW SOCIETY WAS NEED FOR MUTUAL RESPECT. RENE NOTED THAT SOME  
MINOR ACTS OF HARASSEMENT HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY HIS FOLLOWERS AGAINST  
KNOWN MANCHAM SDP SUPPORTERS AND SAID SUCH ACTIONS WOULD NOT BE  
TOLERATED.

2. HE CHARGED THAT MANCHAM WAS ENGAGED IN RECRUITING MERCENARIES  
THROUGH A "FEW RICH FRIENDS" AND CALLED ON PEOPLE TO BE PREPARED TO  
DEFEND SEYCHELLES "TO THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD." TO HELP DEFEND  
SEYCHELLES, HE ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF A "PEOPLES MILITIA"

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COMPOSED OF MALE AND FEMALE VOLUNTEERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND  
60 WHOSE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION, HE SAID, WOULD BE TO KEEP VIGILANT  
LOOKOUT FOR SEAWARD INVADERS. VOLUNTEERS (WHO WOULD NOT BE PAID)  
WERE INVITED TO REGISTER AT POLICE STATIONS ALL DAY JUNE 10. WE  
HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO GET A READING ON NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO  
CAME FORWARD. (COMMENT: SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT MAIN PURPOSE  
BEHIND CREATION OF PEOPLES MILITIA WAS TO

SANCTION POSSESSION OF ARMS BY RENE'S CIVILIAN IRREGULARS).

3. FINALLY RENE ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "LIBERATION  
MEMORIAL FUND" IN HONOR OF THOSE KILLED IN THE JUNE 5 COUP.  
HE INVITED PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WOULD BE USED TO PROVIDE  
FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF COUP VICTIMS WITH ANY  
EXCESS TO BE DEVOTED TO CONSTRUCTION OF LOW COST HOUSING.

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